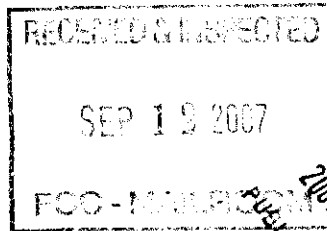


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September 6, 2007

RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

PUCT Docket No. 24481 - Designation of Common Carriers as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to receive Federal Universal Funds Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order Adopting A State Certification Process

PUCT Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 §214(e)(2)

PUCT Docket No. 34516 - Application of NTS Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a NTS of Levelland for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and an Eligible Telecommunications Provider

NTS Telephone Company - Annual Affidavit

On August 29, 2007 the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) issued a letter regarding designation of NTS Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a NTS of Levelland (NTS) as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC). The PUCT's *Order No. 4*, Docket No. 34516, issued on August 24, 2007 granted this designation.

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On September 4, 2007, NTS filed the attached affidavit of Jerry Hoover, Manager, which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. §54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for State Telephone.

If you require any additional information please call Rick Talbot at (512)-936-7257.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Talbot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rick" and last name "Talbot" clearly distinguishable.

Rick Talbot – Policy Analyst
Communication Industry Oversight Division - Texas Public Utility Commission

cc: attachment

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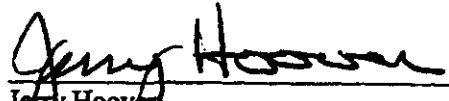
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jerry Hoover of NTS Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a NTS of Levelland ("NTS" or "the Company"), who on his oath deposed and said:

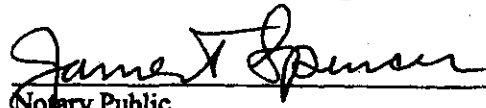
1. My name is Jerry Hoover, I am Manager for NTS. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how the Company uses these funds.
2. NTS, was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No. 34516, by Order dated August 24, 2007.
3. Any Federal Universal Service support funds received by the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with § 254(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be

used to provide the supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout the Company's study area.

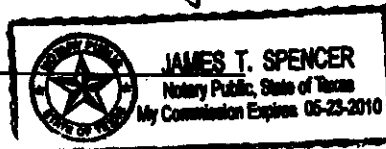
4. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.


Jerry Hoover

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 31st day of August 2007.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____



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